

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Appln. No. 09/894,827

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is not anticipated by (or obvious over) Watanabe et al, and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection in view of the following remarks.

Basically, Applicants submit that Watanabe does not disclose each of the three recited components of claim 1.

In particular, Applicants note that the organoboron compound of formula (I) as recited in the present claims includes X, which represents an alkali metal, quaternary ammonium, pyridinium, etc.

In contrast, Watanabe discloses a salt of a cationic dye with a borate anion represented by its formula (I).

Applicants submit that a cationic dye is different from an alkali metal, quaternary ammonium, pyridinium, etc.

Indeed, the present claims recite an organic dye as a separate component from the organoboron compound of the present invention, and the present specification discloses at page 23, lines 5-7 that the organic dye can be a cationic dye. If X were a cationic dye in the present invention, it would be superfluous to recite the presence of a separate component which could also be a cationic dye.

Thus, Applicants submit that the present invention is not anticipated by (or obvious over) Watanabe et al. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

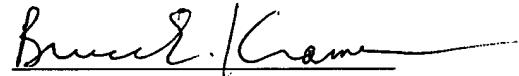
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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